

1702 Iowa Street Davenport, IA 52803 A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

# September 12, 2021 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost Worship at 9:30 a.m.

### Welcome!

We are an open and affirming congregation, and a proud member of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians (covnetpres.org).



#### **COVENANT NETWORK OF PRESBYTERIANS**

People of all sexual orientations and gender identities are welcome here, along with their families.

### We are a Matthew 25 church



MATTHEW 25

Matthew 25 congregations identify themselves as working toward one or more of three goals: building congregational vitality, dismantling structural racism and eradicating systemic poverty.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR MEDITATION Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9,22-23 Psalm 125 James 2:1-10, 11-13, 14-17 Mark 7:24-37

"They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

Mark 7: 37



This week's artwork is an illumination from a 17th-century Egyptian manuscript of the Gospels by the Coptic Orthodox monk Basim Khuri Bazzi Rahib. The Arabic text above and below the painting are verses from the seventh chapter of Mark in which the Syrophoenician woman asks Jesus to heal her daughter.

\*Worshipers who are able, please stand. Bold indicates congregational response.

### **Preparation for Worship**

Worshipers are invited to meditate silently on art, music and Scripture.

## The Church Gathers To...

Prelude Andante Cantabile Charles-Marie Widor

Welcome and Announcements Matt Bishop

Introit Let All the World in Every Corner Sing E.C. Chapman

# **Praise Almighty God**

### **Call to Worship**

Come one. Come all.

Come Laughing and Dancing.

Come Weeping and Weary.

Come Shouting and Angry.

Come Satisfied and Comfortable.

Come to our Christ and find new paths of healing.

Come to our God and find new hope.

Come. Let us worship and praise!



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# Confess to a Forgiving Creator

### \*Call to Confession

Let us lift our lives to God and claim the hope of Christ: even though we sin, we are offered renewal and life at the foot of the cross. Please join me as we name our failings and receive power to walk in Christ's footsteps more surely.

### \*Prayer of Confession

We come to you, Lord, confessing our attitudes of judgement and superiority as we look to our suffering brothers and sisters. How we pat ourselves on the back and feel our own nobility as we compare ourselves to these who struggle! Forgive our arrogance, God of Grace. You pour out your love and gifts generously and they spill over for all humanity. Help us to see all your people as worthy and beloved. Help us to reach out to hurting souls to support their need and wipe away their tears; for yours is the kingdom and the glory. Amen.

#### \*Assurance of Pardon

God hears the cry of our hearts. Christ sets us free from sin and plants our feet on paths of healing. In the shadow of the cross, we are offered new life and new opportunities to live this story of redemption and love.

Thanks be to God!

Anthem With a Voice of Singing
The Sanctuary Choir

### Listen for God's Word

Martin Shaw

#### **Prayer for Illumination**

Most Holy God, we hunger for the touch of your healing. Open our ears to hear your words of life. Open our eyes to see you in the face of our neighbor. Open our hearts so these words of scripture become for us the Word become flesh who leads us to new life and new hope. Amen.

**Scripture Readings** 

James 2: 1-10

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Mark 7: 24-30

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.** 

Children's Message

Ruling Elder Sarah Greim and Brighton

Sermon

Catching the Crumbs Rev. Dr. Joyce Chamberlain

# Respond to God's Word

### **Affirmation of Faith**

from A Brief Statement of Faith, PC(USA)

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage:

to pray without ceasing,

to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,

to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,

to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,

and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,

we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks

and to live holy and joyful lives,

even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,

praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

## Offering Our Gifts and Lives to God

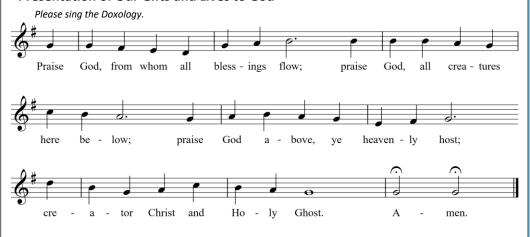
Proverbs 22: 9

"Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor." With gladness, we share of our life and labor for God's work.

# Berceuse Louis Vierne

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#### \*Presentation of Our Gifts and Lives to God



# JOYS & CONCERNS

In Our Prayers: Brenda Cole, David Milnes, Bev Koos, Hudson Stoner, Rebecca Koos; Duane Schipull, Barb Thede, families and victims of gun violence, abuse, addiction, violence, loss, suicide, COVID-19, and all recent natural disasters; FPC members and all others receiving the COVID vaccine.

#### **For Your Information:**

Mission Partners: Rev. José Pilar Alvare Cabrera and Rev. Nestor Eduardo Alvarez (leaders of ILUGUA, Zacapa, Guatemala); Alice Chikomo in Harare, Zimbabwe; Veda Gill (Presbyterian Education Board, Pakistan).

**Hospital visits** by the Pastors are made only witha patient's permission.

**InTouch Information:** If you or a loved one is unable to attend church services and would enjoy a contact from one of First Presbyterian's In-Touch members, please contact Deacon Bev Koos (563-676-0292).

The Prayer Chain connects those in need of prayer with church members who are committed to a ministry of prayer. All requests may be directed to Mary Ann Francois (563-355-5292).

**Printed Prayer Requests** require permission from the person(s) in need of prayer before prayers are printed in the bulletin. The best way to assure a hospital visit or a prayer is to directly notify the church office (563-326-1691).

**Prayer Shawls** are available for you to give to those you know experiencing a challenge or joy. For your choosing, a variety of shawls are hanging on the coatrack near the main office).

#### Anthem Texts

# "With a Voice of Singing" Martin Shaw

With a voice of singing

Declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia.

Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.

The Lord hath delivered his people, Alleluia.

O be joyful in God, all ye lands,

O sing praises to the honour of his name,

make his praise to be glorious.

# "A Clare Benediction" John Rutter

May the Lord show his mercy upon you;

May the light of his presence be your guide:

May he guard you and uphold you; May his spirit be ever by your side.

When you sleep, may his angels watch over you;

When you wake, may he fill you with his grace:

May you love him and serve him all your days,

Then in heaven may you see his face.

## **Prayers of the People**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

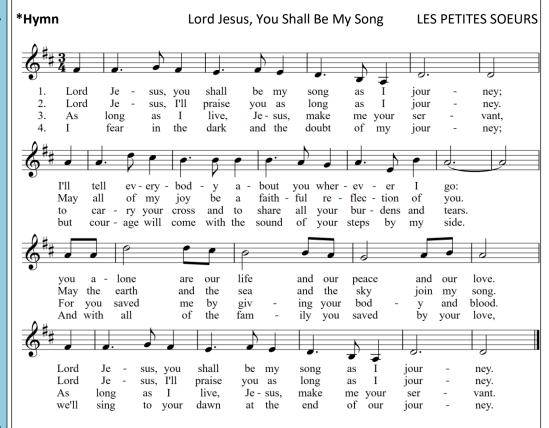
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise ....

The Lord's Prayer

# Go To Serve With God's Blessing



**Charge and Benediction** 

Rev. Dr. Joyce Chamberlain

**Choral Benediction** 

A Clare Benediction

John Rutter

**Postlude** 

Fanfare

Jacques Lemmens

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